

# LIFE IN DEBT



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## RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

**Prayers for our church family:** Krista Conyers; Dave & Sue Minch; Jan Carlson; Marilyn Hocking; James Respecki; Kevin Lasky; Bruce and Ginny Conrad; Jenny Lowman; Lee Hoffmann; Inge Wichers; Betty Latimer; Barb Nicholas; Sue Parisi-Reid; Dick LaCombe; Paula Derkowski; Joe Waisanen Jr; Crystal Clark; Marian Kremer; Betty Locke; Bill Young; John Wagster; Pastor Jeff Nelson; The Riggs Family

**Prayers for our extended family:** Steve & Peggy Zelonium; Effie Lambros; Lorraine Bowden; Joal Brown; Tracy & Paul; Lucy Sieck; Jamie Radick; Pat Callahan; Pam Payne; Tim Bell; Laurie Harris Wiener; Heidi and Dan Grogan; Essential workers and health care providers fighting COVID-19; Marilyn Mansfield; Margaret O'Donnell; Don & Ann Anderson

**Senior Spotlight:** Carl & Shirley Shafer

For the complete Prayer List, please contact our  
Pastoral Care Team at [prayers@rofum.org](mailto:prayers@rofum.org).

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well as together we walk this path of a pandemic: a path that continues to cast a large and dark shadow over our nation. Once again, I urge you to wear a mask, practice social distancing, and keep your exposure to groups of people extremely limited.

I want to call you attention to a special presentation that will live stream next Wednesday night (July 22). The topic is our response as a church to the Covid-19 crisis, our plans for reopening, and a look at the survey that many of you took a few weeks ago. I will sit down with Tim Ryckman and Jay Dunstan from our Compass team and Jennifer Tripoli, our Executive Director, and together we will walk through the results of the survey and then look at all the ways the church is preparing for the day when we are able to safely reopen. Please remember as you watch this, the plans for reopening are part of our advance planning. Our church building remains in lockdown with limited access. The live stream will air on Wednesday, July 22, at 7 pm at [rofum.org/coronavirus](http://rofum.org/coronavirus).

This Sunday, we are in for a special treat as we hear from three of our young people, Eli Yarmy, Franklin Wahl, and Grace Huber. They will tell us some of the things they learned at Choir Camp; lessons that they now take out into the world. In this unusual summer, where traditional choir camp is not possible, it will warm your heart to hear how the years of field have left an impression on these three.

And yes, traditional choir camp may not be happening, but a new version of camp launches on Sunday. 2020 Choir Camp runs from Sunday, July 19 through Friday, July 24 and will include:

- Campfire Sing-a-longs
- Pool Parties
- Bible Study/Crafts on ZOOM

If you have any questions about how to join in the fun, please contact Bridget Nelson, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, at [bnelson@rofum.org](mailto:bnelson@rofum.org).

Today, as we look around the world, so much has changed. So many summer plans have been set aside. Our world is filled with masks and separation. Please remember, behind every mask is a child of God and know that the love of God is always present. Our God is walking with us in every step along this unprecedented path.

Please take care and be safe,

*Pastor Meyer*